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Taste of Somerville Returns on June 9

More than twenty area restaurants to present their best

Somerville, MA – April 24, 2009 – The Somerville Chamber of Commerce Dining & Nightlife Group, in cooperation with Door2Door Transportation, has unveiled plans to revive the popular Taste of Somerville (www.tasteofsomerville.org). On Tuesday, June 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. the doors of the Somerville Holiday Inn will open once again for 400 plus diners to sample the varied cuisine of the area's best restaurants and enjoy the sounds of local bands. The Taste of Somerville draws the community together in a culinary tour and evening of fun to support one of the community's highly regarded non-profit organizations.

The return of The Taste has caught the interest of multiple sponsors, top area restaurants, discerning diners, and community leaders. The lead sponsor is CPCU Credit Union. Other major sponsors include Dunkin Donuts, Comcast, Zipcar and other local businesses and individuals.

Dining & Nightlife Group Chair Ray Zonghetti of Heartland Payment Systems said "We are bringing back this Somerville favorite to showcase our exciting variety of restaurants and to draw the business community and neighborhoods together to support the work of SCM Community Transportation. It is an unbeatable combination of good food and networking for the benefit of a good cause."

More than twenty participating Somerville restaurants will present samples from their menus and wine and beer tastings at stations around the perimeter of the ballroom at the Somerville Holiday Inn (30 Washington Street, Somerville). Diners will enjoy fare from as many stations as they wish and local bands will provide entertainment in the lounge adjacent to the ballroom. Entertainment will continue after the 8:30 p.m. close of the tasting event. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance or \$30 at the door. VIP tickets, which entitle diners to a preview at 5:00 p.m. and an event gift, will also be available at \$35 in advance or \$45 at the door. Tickets are on sale at <http://tasteofsomerville.eventbrite.com/>

All ticket sale proceeds from Taste of Somerville will go to Door2Door Transportation by SCM in honor of their 25th anniversary. SCM provides door-to-door transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities. In the words of Executive Director Reed Cochran, "We're in the business of making it a relief to give up the car keys." SCM's fleet of 25 paratransit vehicles, staffed by skilled, professional and caring drivers, provides more

than 9,500 free trips to doctors' appointments, grocery shopping, meal sites, and beyond each month.

About Door2Door Transportation by SCM

SCM Community Transportation promotes the independence of seniors and persons with disabilities through community-based transportation. Their friendly, safe and reliable Door2Door service helps people maintain healthy, mobile and connected lives. SCM also provides private transportation and excursions, the proceeds of which directly support critical services for low income riders.

SCM was founded in 1983 by the Massachusetts communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Medford (SCM). It is one of Greater Boston's longest standing and most beloved non-profit transportation services. More information is at www.scmtransportation.org

About the Somerville Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is an independent, local, non-profit business association of over 300 member businesses and organizations. Dining & Nightlife is the jewel of Somerville's economy. Recognized throughout greater Boston and beyond, Dining & Nightlife is the reason many people seek to live, work, and play here. The Dining & Nightlife Group serves as an advocate for this industry before municipal boards and commissions, helps coordinate industry education and marketing activities, and helps promote Somerville as a premiere Dining & Nightlife destination in greater Boston. More information is at www.somervillechamber.org